Obeying Traffic Rules, a Form of Obedience to God

Can a Christian born of God, called to reject the values of the world, consciously expose himself to environments such as public beaches or swimming pools, where the body is exposed and sin is promoted, knowing that these influence the heart and mind and fuel the lusts of the flesh?

 Answer: No — Explanation: If you understand God's call to to live in holiness, purity, and separation from the values of the world, then you will recognize that willingly exposing yourself to environments that promote the exposure of the body and the desires of the flesh—such as public beaches or swimming pools—is not appropriate for a born-again Christian.

Scripture clearly states: "Do not love the world or the things in the world..." (1 John 2:15) "Flee youthful lusts..." (2 Timothy 2:22) "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8) A born-again Christian: Does not seek out places that can defile his eyes, mind, and heart. Is aware that the eyes can become a gateway to sin (Matthew 5:28). Lives with discernment, choosing to avoid any context that can fuel the flesh.

Avoiding such places is not legalism, but evidence of a transformed heart that loves purity and wants to please God in all things.

 Answer: Yes (wrong) — Explanation: If you say that it is appropriate for a born-again Christian to frequent places that promote the exposure of the body and the desires of the flesh, such as public beaches, you are mistaken. This attitude:

• It contradicts the call to holiness and separation from the world (2 Corinthians 6:17).

• It exposes the heart and mind to temptations and images that can defile the soul.

• It shows that you do not understand that exposing your own body can become an occasion for others to sin. The Lord Jesus showed how serious such a sin is: "Woe to that man through whom occasion to sin comes!" (Luke 17:1)

• It shows that you lack spiritual discernment and that you do not live in the fear of God.

If you see no problem in exposing yourself or watching such things, it is a sign that new life is not present. As Lord Jesus says in Luke 8, the Word of God is the seed that falls on different hearts. A heart that does not receive the Word cannot bear the fruit of

a transformed life.

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